

City of San Diego  
Park and Recreation Board

August 16, 2007

MINUTES

***“WE ENRICH LIVES THROUGH QUALITY PARKS AND PROGRAMS”***

**Meeting Held at:**

City Administration Building  
Committee Room, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
202 C Street  
San Diego, California 92101

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**ATTENDANCE TO PARK AND RECREATION BOARD ORIENTATION MEETING:**

**Members Present**

Ginny Barnes, Chair  
Bruce Brown  
Rick Bussell  
Vicki Granowitz  
Norman Greene  
Roz King  
Dan Mazzella  
Olivia Puentes-Reynolds  
Evonne Schulze  
Wilbur Smith  
Michael Stepner

**Members Absent**

None

**City Staff Present**

Stacey LoMedico  
Garry Papers  
Kim Davies  
Andy Field  
Deborah Sharpe  
Charles Daniels  
Cathy Anzuoni  
Jo-Ann Novak

**CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Ms. Barnes called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.  
August 16, 2007 meeting minutes approved as corrected.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 17, 2007**

**MOTION:    MOVED/SECONDED        Mr. Greene/Mr. Mazzella**

A motion was made by Mr. Greene and seconded by Mr. Mazzella to approve the May 17, 2007 meeting minutes. Vote was unanimous, with Mr. Brown, Mr. Bussell, Ms. Granowitz, Ms. King, Ms. Schulze, and Mr. Stepner abstaining.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 19, 2007**

**MOTION:    MOVED/SECONDED        Mr. Brown/Ms. Schulze**

A motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Ms. Schulze to approve the July 19, 2007 orientation meeting minutes. Vote was unanimous.

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE** – None

**COMMUNICATIONS** – Public Comment

Bill Diehl from Rancho Peñasquitos expressed his concerns about skateboard park maintenance fees, and overhead costs for engineering and construction at Hilltop Park. Mr. Diehl invited the Park and Recreation Board to Polynesia Family Night on Friday, August 17, 2007, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at Hilltop Recreation Center.

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT** – Ms. Barnes distributed committee assignments for Park and Recreation Board Members to serve a one-year term as follows:

Bruce Brown – Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Citizens Advisory Committee Member  
Rick Bussell – Tecolote Canyon Citizens Advisory Committee Member  
Norman Greene – Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens Advisory Committee Member  
Roz King – Area Committee Community Parks II Chair  
Olivia Puentes-Reynolds – Area Committee Community Parks II Vice Chair  
Wilbur Smith – Design Review Committee Chair  
Michael Stepner – Park and Recreation Board Vice Chair

Committee reports for the Park and Recreation Board meeting will be moved to the front of the agenda starting September 20, 2007, in order to update those in attendance of the meeting in a more timely fashion. Ms. Barnes encouraged Park and Recreation Board Members to notify Ms. Novak by e-mail if they will not be attending any of the upcoming Park and Recreation Board meetings. At an upcoming sub committee of operating procedures the Park and Recreation Board will discuss orientation for the new members.

Ms. Barnes suggested inviting Recreational Council Chairs to meeting to discuss areas of concerns and what issues they have. Ms. Barnes encouraged Park and Recreation Board Members to e-mail ideas and topics to Ms. LoMedico and herself.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT** – To respond to questions from the last meeting, Ms. LoMedico, Park and Recreation Director, distributed a draft report dated June 15, 2006, on Recreation Element Update and Development Impact Fees/Facilities Benefit Assessments to the Park and Recreation Board Members for their information.

- Ms. LoMedico distributed a memorandum addressed to the Park and Recreation Board on issues regarding 39<sup>th</sup> Street Neighborhood Park outlining specific issues brought forward by two constituents at the July 19, 2007, Park and Recreation Board meeting. This memo addresses those concerns and identifies steps staff has taken in each case.

- Open Space Brush Management Program crew and contractors are responsible for thinning the brush on City property within a 100 feet of a structure as well as issuing right of entry permits to the private owners who want to do that work on public land. The Brush Management Program has received enough funding to increase the amount of acreage by 300% and this program is now fully staffed. Twenty-two (22) parcels have been identified by the Fire-Rescue Department as “high priority” parcels for abatement. These 22 parcels are quickly being taken care of.

- Park and Recreation Department is partnering with Fire-Rescue Department on a grant application to the Federal Government to the Office of Emergency Services with the State of California. This grant application was made in Fiscal Year 2005 for three million dollars. This grant is still pending. Ms. LoMedico will provide an update in October to Park and Recreation Board.
- As of August 10, 2007, eighty (80) parking spaces formerly dedicated to the valet service operations for specific times during when valet is being offered in the Alcazar Garden parking lot in Balboa Park are no longer dedicated exclusively for use by valets service. This week end will be the first without permit parking signs. There is no change in the valet parking rate at this time. Park and Recreation Department is currently on target for issuing Request For Proposal (RFP) and this should be completed within the next three weeks. The RFP does not include dedicated parking in Alcazar Garden or elsewhere in Balboa Park. Ms. Davies will address comments regarding Special Events permits in relationship to the legal opinion on valet parking.
- Park and Recreation Board Members will be receiving invitations to three grand openings in September. Ms. LoMedico encouraged all Park and Recreation Board Members to attend.
- Ms. LoMedico requested Park and Recreation Board Members send her an e-mail to express their concerns of having the Park and Recreation Board meetings at recreation centers/park facilities in the community. These evening meetings could potentially take place in October, January, and July.
- Open Space Division hired a Zoning Inspector/Compliance Officer who will oversee park and open space encroachment issues.
- Ms. LoMedico offered to address Mr. Diehl's concerns regarding City cost associated with project management and would return with a report at a future Park and Recreation Board meeting.
- In Fiscal Year 2009, if new fees are proposed, the Park and Recreation Department can look into a new fee for skate park improvements.
- Ms. LoMedico will report back in September regarding joint-use agreements regarding hours of operation and access to facilities.

Deputy City Attorney Kim Davies provided clarification to the meeting minutes of July 19, 2007, on Ms. Barnes' statement cautioning members not to have a quorum at community meetings and discussing and/or forming opinions while in the audience. It is permissible under the Brown Act to have a quorum or majority of members at other community agency meetings as long as Board Members do not discuss specific board business. However, where it happens that a majority of the Board is present at other community meetings, it is especially important to avoid the appearance of impropriety. Ms. Davies read the following from California Government Code section 54952.2: [A majority of the Board members present at a community meeting does not constitute a "meeting" under the Brown Act] "...provided that a majority of the members do not discuss among themselves, other than as part of the scheduled program, business of a specified nature that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the local agency."

## ACTION ITEMS

101. **Veterans Museum and Memorial Center – Purple Heart Memorial** – Mr. Daniels, Park Designer, Park and Recreation Department and Mr. Max Tadlock with

the Military Order of the Purple Heart presented and responded to questions on the memorial to be located adjacent to the Veterans Museum and Memorial Center in Balboa Park.

**MOTION:    MOVED/SECONDED        Mr. Greene/Mr. Brown**

A motion was made by Mr. Greene and seconded by Mr. Brown to accept this project. The motion passed unanimously.

A recommendation was made that all future memorials have the full dimensions disclosed at the time of presentation to the Park and Recreation Board.

- 102.    Re-Naming of Senior Little League Field at East Clairemont Athletic Area in Appreciation of Pete Stipp** – Ms. Anzuoni, District Manager, Park and Recreation Department presented this item.

**MOTION:    MOVED/SECONDED        Mr. Greene/Mr. Bussell**

A motion was made by Mr. Greene and seconded by Mr. Bussell to re-naming of Senior Little League Field to Pete Stipp Memorial Field. The motion passed unanimously.

#### INFORMATION ITEMS

- 201.    Update on the City of San Diego General Plan Recreation Element Presenter** – Mr. Papers, AIA Deputy Director of Urban Form, City Planning and Community Investment provided an update on the status of the General Plan Recreation Element and the schedule. The final draft may be completed by end of September in time for Park and Recreation Board meeting in October. Mr. Papers provided the Park and Recreation Board with draft guidelines for parks, recreation facilities, and eligible population-based park equivalencies table.

Ms. Sharpe Project Officer II, City Planning and Community Investment Department provided an update on the direction of the General Plan Recreation Element Plan language.

Park and Recreation Board thanked Mr. Papers and Ms. Sharpe for listening to their comments of July 19, 2007, Park and Recreation Board meeting and added several recommendations. All additional recommendations and revisions to the General Plan Recreational Element should be e-mailed to Ms. LoMedico.

Ms. Sharpe will provide the Park and Recreation Board Members with a list of properties that could be used for future parkland at the September meeting. Mr. Papers will provide an organization chart of City Planning and Community Investment Department.

#### WORKSHOP

## STANDING UPDATES

1. Park Maintenance Business Process Re-Engineering (BPR) Update – an update was provided by Mr. Field, Assistant to the Park Recreation Director. Mr. Field reviewed the history of the Park Maintenance Business Process Re-Engineering and answered questions about its current status.
2. City Planning and Community Investment (CPCI) Update – Bill Anderson, City Planning and Community Investment Director - No Update

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Area Committee Community Parks I – Interviewed staff on the topic of Business Processing Re-Engineering and budget. Some staff are concerned of injuries from being overworked and inefficiency with crews coming on board.

Area Committee Community Parks II – Committee did not meet.

Balboa Park Committee – Approved Old Globe Redevelopment of Cassius Carter Site. Old Globe purchased a building at Euclid and Imperial and will be moving their Scene Shop out of Balboa Park. A special permit was declined to expand the San Diego Pride Festival.

Design Review Committee – No report.

Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Citizens' Advisory Committee – Committee did not meet.

Mission Bay Park Committee – Committee dark in August. Mr. Bussell requested Fiesta Island be brought to Mission Bay Park Committee as an action item in September.

Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens' Advisory Committee – No report, Mr. Greene did not attend the last meeting.

Tecolote Canyon Citizens Advisory Committee – Committee did not meet.

## ADJORNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Next Park and Recreation Board Meeting: **Thursday, September 20, 2007 2:00 p.m.**

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Submitted by,

Stacey LoMedico  
Park and Recreation Director